

9. REVIEW OF MEMBER REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES (A.1155/RC)

1. Purpose of the report

This report gives details of the recent review of Member representation on various other organisations (outside bodies) and requests the appointment of Members to the proposed list of outside bodies given in Appendix 1 of the report.

Key Issues

- **A review of the Member representation on outside bodies has been undertaken in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority as requested at the annual meeting last year.**

2. Recommendations

- 1. That the review of Member representation on outside bodies be noted.**
- 2. That appointments be made to the outside bodies set out in Appendix 1 of the report to expire at the annual meeting in July 2018.**
- 3. That attendance at meetings be an approved duty for the purpose of the payment of travelling and subsistence allowances.**
- 4. To ask Members appointed to outside bodies to produce a short annual report on activities as appropriate to be circulated in June 2018 as part of the preparations for the 2018 annual meeting.**

How does this contribute to our policies and legal obligations?

3. These appointments to outside bodies contribute to the National Park Management Plan outcomes and corporate objectives by continuing and supporting the Authority's working with stakeholders and partners.

Background Information

4. At the annual meeting last year it was agreed to review the list of outside bodies that Members are appointed to before the annual meeting in 2017 to ensure that appointments made are an effective use of Members' time. The list was last reviewed in 2011 (Minute No 73/11).
5. The review was conducted in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority and considered if each appointment was an effective use of Members' time and also how useful it was to the Authority. The Leadership Team and Authority Lead Officers for the current outside bodies were also consulted as part of the review.
6. The review concluded that the majority of the current appointments were both an effective use of Members' time and useful to the Authority with the exception of the following:

Derbyshire Environment Trust – there was no Member appointment made to this body last year and it is felt that officer only representation is sufficient so it has been removed from the list of appointments. The Team Manager – Cultural Heritage will be the link officer.

Derbyshire Sport – there was no Member appointment made to this body last year and

it is felt that officer only contact is sufficient so it has been removed from the list. The Chief Executive has links with the Derbyshire Sport Board and will ensure that any relevant information is passed on to the Director of Commercial Development and Outreach.

Peak District Interpretation Partnership – this body no longer meets and it is felt that officer only contact with the partners is sufficient so it has been removed from the list of appointments.

7. The review also identified the following:

The Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Stakeholder Engagement Forum - this had been disbanded as it had been a task and finish group. However, Derbyshire County Council offered the Authority places for one Member and one officer on the Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Board instead and this was accepted and has been added to the list of appointments. Sarah Wilks, Head of Outreach Development, has been identified as the officer representative.

East Midlands Councils – the current Member representative identified that these meetings are usually on the same day as the Authority's Planning Committee meetings. Therefore it would be preferable to appoint a Member of the Audit, Resources and Performance Committee to this body so that they are more likely to be able to attend its meetings. The next meeting is due to be held on 14 July 2017.

National Park Management Plan Advisory Group – this has been added to the list of appointments to capture the attendance at meetings by the appointed Member, usually the Deputy Chair of the Authority.

National Parks Partnerships LLP Annual Meeting – this Partnership holds an annual meeting to which the Authority is entitled to be represented so it has been added to the list of appointments.

Oldham and National Park Partnership – The Chief Executive has stated that this is not a formal outside body but is a bi-lateral meeting between Oldham Borough Council and the Authority, as she has similar meetings with other constituent Councils. So this has been removed from the list of appointments.

Sheffield City Region Forum – this Forum was disbanded in 2014 and replaced with the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority. It has been confirmed that the Authority do have a Member representative place on the Combined Authority so it has been added to the list of appointments.

8. The agreed appointment principles apply to the outside bodies and expressions of interest have been received for the appointments. These were considered by the Member Appointments Process Panel at their meeting on 26 June.

Proposals

9. It is proposed that the outcomes of the review of appointments to outside bodies be noted and Members appointed to the list of bodies set out in Appendix 1 and that the appointments continue until the annual meeting next year in July next year.

10. Expressions of interest received are shown in Appendix 1, however at the time of writing the report none had been received for the following outside body roles:

- East Midlands Councils – One Member and one deputy

11. The usual procedure at the meeting is to consider each appointment in turn. Where

more than one Member has expressed an interest in an appointment the mode of voting shall be by show of hands or alternatively if the Authority so determines the voting may take place by ballot.

12. Any vacancies or new requests for Member appointments that occur during the year will be reported to the Authority as and when necessary.
13. Members appointed to outside bodies are requested to produce a short annual report on activities, as appropriate, to be circulated in June 2018 as part of the preparations for the 2018 Annual Meeting.

Are there any corporate implications members should be concerned about?

Financial:

14. Members may claim travelling and subsistence for attendance at meetings to which they are appointed. In order to settle claims, which are checked by Auditors, Members are asked to ensure that they sign a record of attendance at all meetings. This will be the only means by which attendances are correlated.

Risk Management:

15. There are no risks arising out of these proposals.

Sustainability:

16. There are no issues to consider.

Equality:

17. There are no issues to consider.

18. Background papers (not previously published)

None.

19. Appendices

Appendix 1 - List of Current Member Representation on Outside Bodies, expressions of interest and Lead Officers.

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